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MARCH 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Idaho's March 1, 2005 stocks of wheat stored in all positions totaled 28.2 million bushels, up 5 percent from last

year, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. On-farm storage was estimated at 11.0 million bushels,

3.00 million bushels more than last year's on-farm total. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators,

warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 17.2 million bushels, down 9 percent from March 1, 2004.

Barley stocks in all positions totaled 36.7 million bushels, up 48 percent from last year. On-farm storage was

estimated at 17.5 million bushels, 8.50 million bushels more than the amount on hand March 1, 2004. Off-farm

storage was estimated at 19.2 million bushels, up 22 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2005, was estimated at 981 million bushels, down 4 percent

from last year. On-farm stocks totaled 305 million bushels, up 18 percent from March 1, 2004. Off-farm stocks of

676 million bushels were down 11 percent from a year ago. Barley stored in all positions totaled 191 million

bushels, up 25 percent from last year. On-farm stocks were estimated at 79.7 million bushels, up 54 percent from

last year. Off-farm stocks accounted for 111 million bushels, up 10 percent from last March. Oats stored in all

positions totaled 82.5 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. On-farm stocks were estimated at 43.5

million bushels, down 5 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks accounted for 39.0 million bushels compared to 49.4

million bushels on hand March 1, 2004.

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